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CHAPTER 7

HOSHIGAMI KUN WA DOUKA SHITEIRU

Something Is Up with Hoshigami-

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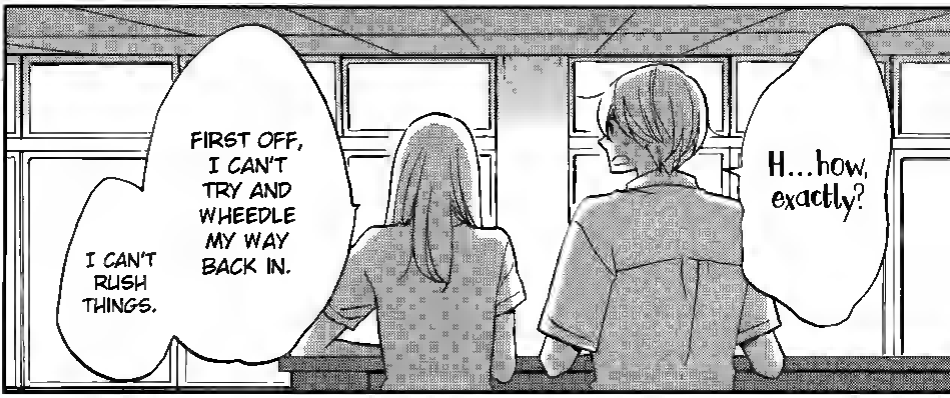
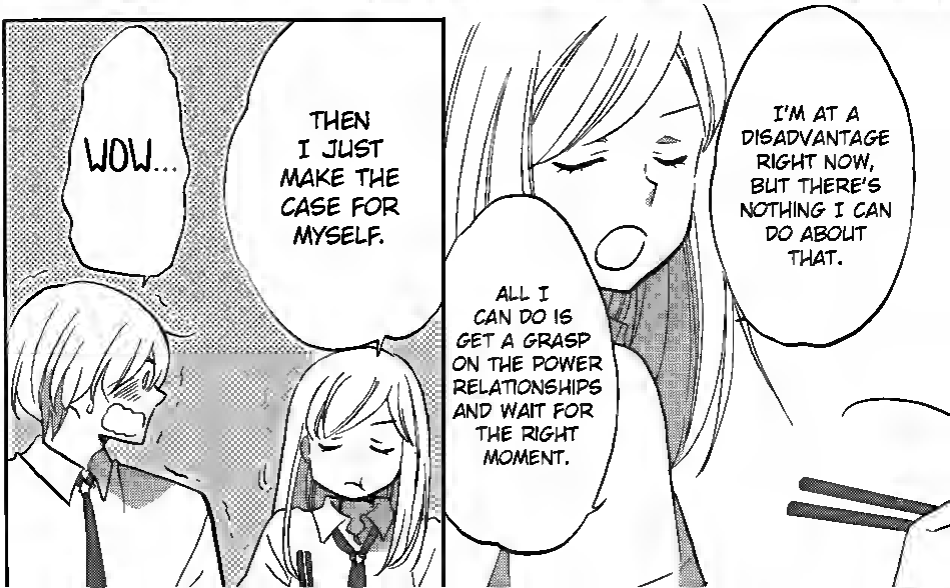
Chapter 2 Hoshigami-kun Wants a Friend

FRIENDS!
YOU WANT 'EM?
.....
SAY IT LIKE YOU MEAN IT!!
SURE

I GUESS...
YOU GOT THAT?
FIRST, YOU HAVE TO STOP BEING SO SHY—
IT'S MY FAULT THAT YOU CAN'T TALK WITH AZUMA-SAN AND THE OTHERS, RIGHT?
BIOLOGY
I'M SORRY, MIKENO-SAN.
WHY ARE WE EATING LUNCH IN SUCH A PLACE, ANYWAY?
NAH,
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, REALLY.
Let's go.

I'LL TURN THINGS AROUND, YOU'LL SEE.
AND ANYWAY, IT'S NOT LIKE I PLAN ON BEING LEFT OUT FOR THE REST OF HIGH SCHOOL.


I CAN'T RUSH THINGS.
FIRST OFF, I CAN'T TRY AND WHEEDLE MY WAY BACK IN.
H...how, exactly?

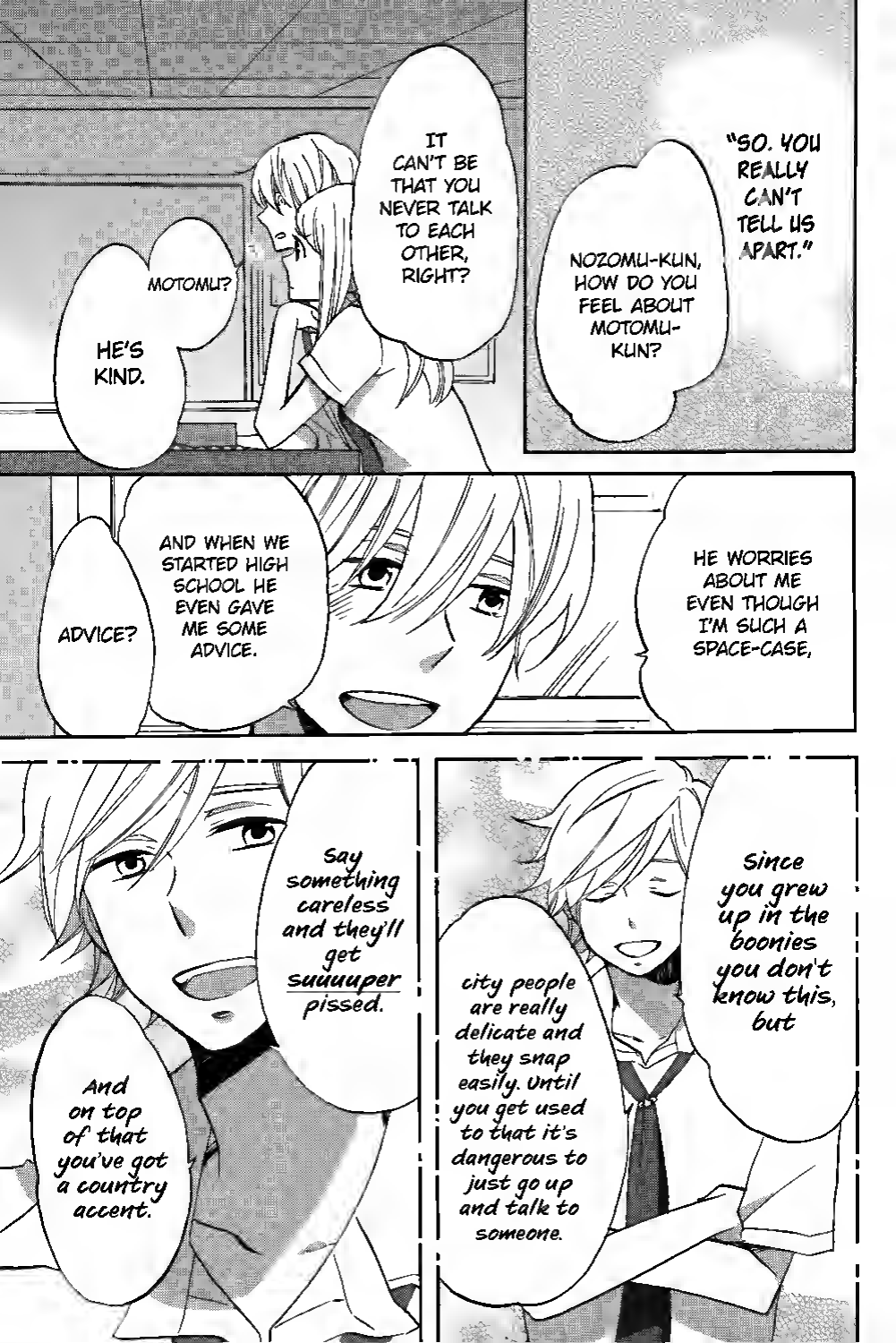

WOW...
THEN I JUST MAKE THE CASE FOR MYSELF.
ALL I CAN DO IS GET A GRASP ON THE POWER RELATIONSHIPS AND WAIT FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT.
I'M AT A DISADVANTAGE RIGHT NOW, BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THAT.

AND THIS ISN'T ABOUT ME, IT'S ABOUT YOU.
You're so good at scheming!
You do realize that's not a compliment.
UH-HUH.
DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE IN MIND?
YOU SAY YOU WANT MORE FRIENDS.
...Well, in our class there's
SOMEONE YOU *REALLY* WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH?

meow~
Iwafushi-kun.
IWAFUSHI?!
IWAFUSHI-KUN.
But that guy is super scary!
Isn't there anyone else?
Iwafushi hates talking to people, right?
His parents are yakuza and I've heard he keeps a gun in his bag!
He's not the kind of guy you make friends with!

BUT I WANT IT TO BE IWAFUSHI-KUN.
.....
.....!
NO FREAKING WAY!
Mikeno-san, you're amazing...
WHAT'S MORE AMAZING IS THAT YOU SAW THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE.
WHAT ON EARTH DO YOU SEE IN HIM?
DON'T TELL ME YOU SAW HIM RESCUE AN ABANDONED CAT ON A RAINY DAY OR SOMETHING...

YOUR BENTO BOX IS PRETTY BIG, MIKENO-SAN.
THIS ONE? YEAH, IT'S MY DAD'S.
MINE WAS BROKEN.
BROKEN? WHO BROKE IT?
UGH, YOUR LITTLE BROTHER!
CAN'T TELL HIM THAT!
?
I DON'T WANT TO KNOW WHAT MOTOMU WOULD DO TO ME IF I TOLD...
STAY THE HELL AWAY FROM MY BROTHER.
THAT CAME OUT WRONG.
I BROKE IT MYSELF BY ACCIDENT.


"SO. YOU REALLY CAN'T TELL US APART."
NOZOMU-KUN, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT MOTOMU-KUN?
IT CAN'T BE THAT YOU NEVER TALK TO EACH OTHER, RIGHT?
MOTOMU?
HE'S KIND.
HE WORRIES ABOUT ME EVEN THOUGH I'M SUCH A SPACE-CASE,
AND WHEN WE STARTED HIGH SCHOOL HE EVEN GAVE ME SOME ADVICE.
ADVICE?
Since you grew up in the boonies you don't know this, but
city people are really delicate and they snap easily. Until you get used to that it's dangerous to just go up and talk to someone.
Say something careless and they'll get suuuuper pissed.
And on top of that you've got a country accent.

HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?
...IS WHAT HE SAID.
I.. I SEE..
THANKS, MOTOMU
Oh, I'm so worried
City people hate that kinda stuff...
SO BASICALLY THE ENTIRE REASON YOU ENDED UP FRIENDLESS,
WAS BECAUSE MOTOMU-KUN TRICKED YOU?
HIS BROTHER'S THE ABSOLUTE WORST...
And the fact that Nozomu-kun believes him is just...
BUT,
Tricked me?
HA HA HA
No way!
NO, HE DID!!

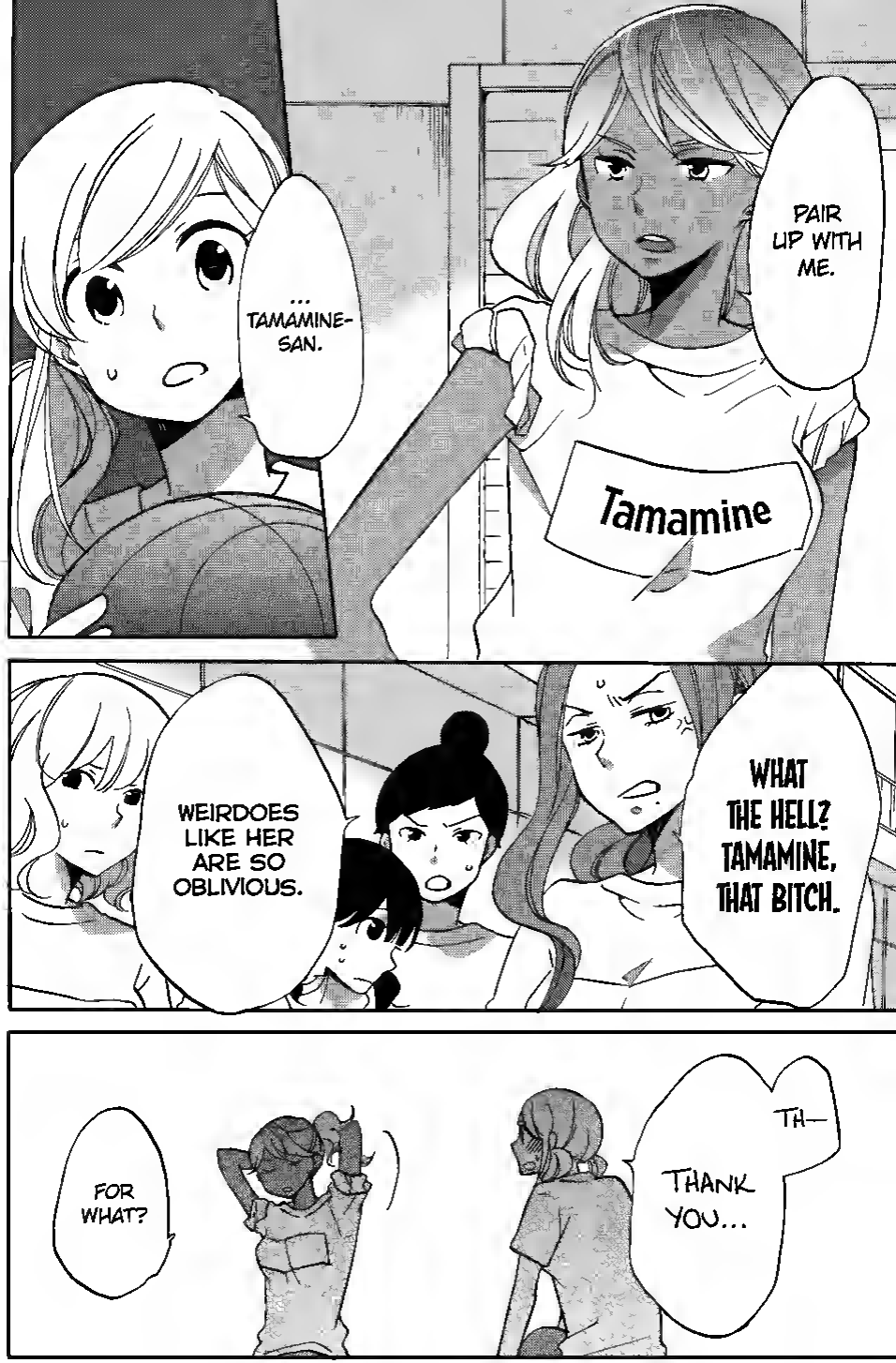
I REALLY AM HAPPY THAT I WORKED UP THE COURAGE TO TALK TO YOU.
THAT'S GOOD.
YUP.
IT IS GOOD, MIKENO-SAN.
EH?
WHICH IS WHY I'LL BUY YOU A NEW BENTO BOX AS A PRESENT.
TO CELEBRATE US BEING FRIENDS FOR AN ENTIRE WHOLE DAY.
WHAT ARE YOU, A GIRL-FRIEND?!

WELL, HIS YOUNGER BROTHER DID BREAK IT AND ALL...
THANK YOU.
LET'S GO TOMORROW AFTER SCHOOL.
The two of us...
after school...
SHINE
going somewhere...!
STOP GETTING EXCITED EVERY SINGLE TIME WE DO SOMETHING...
GASP
I'M DEAD!

I MUST BE SEEING THINGS...
MIKENO-SAN?
YOU WENT WHITE AS A SHEET JUST NOW.
It's nothing, I'm fine!
Cmon, let's go back to class!
PIRIRIRI
OKAY, EVERYONE PAIR OFF AND PRACTICE PASSING!

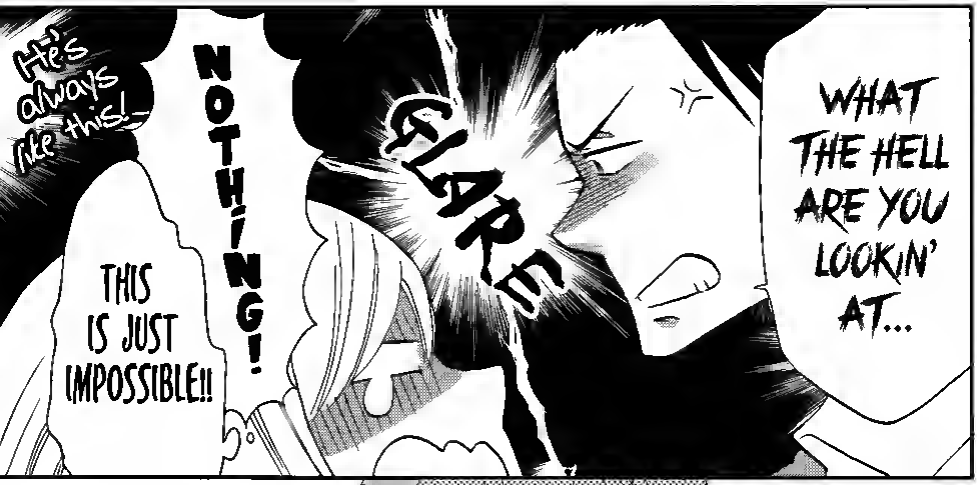
ALONE
Mikeno
Getting left out when it's time to form pairs...
AND SO IT'S COME TO THIS...
Mi...
Mikeno-san, um...
Shimizu

God thing I teamed up with you, huh?
Being left out is so depressing.
Y-YEAH...
What's this? Shimizu-san, if you're alone then pair up with me!
OH!
I USED TO BE THAT GIRL WHO GOT ALONG WITH EVERYBODY...
WELL, AZUMA AND THEM ARE PRETTY SCARY, I GUESS.
SO I CAN'T BLAME ANYONE FOR AVOIDING ME...
CATCH
MIKENO.
I'LL JUST SUCK IT UP AND PARTNER WITH THE TEACHER...


... TAMAMINE-SAN.
PAIR UP WITH ME.
Tamamine
WEIRDOES LIKE HER ARE SO OBLIVIOUS.
WHAT THE HELL? TAMAMINE, THAT BITCH.
FOR WHAT?
TH—
THANK YOU...

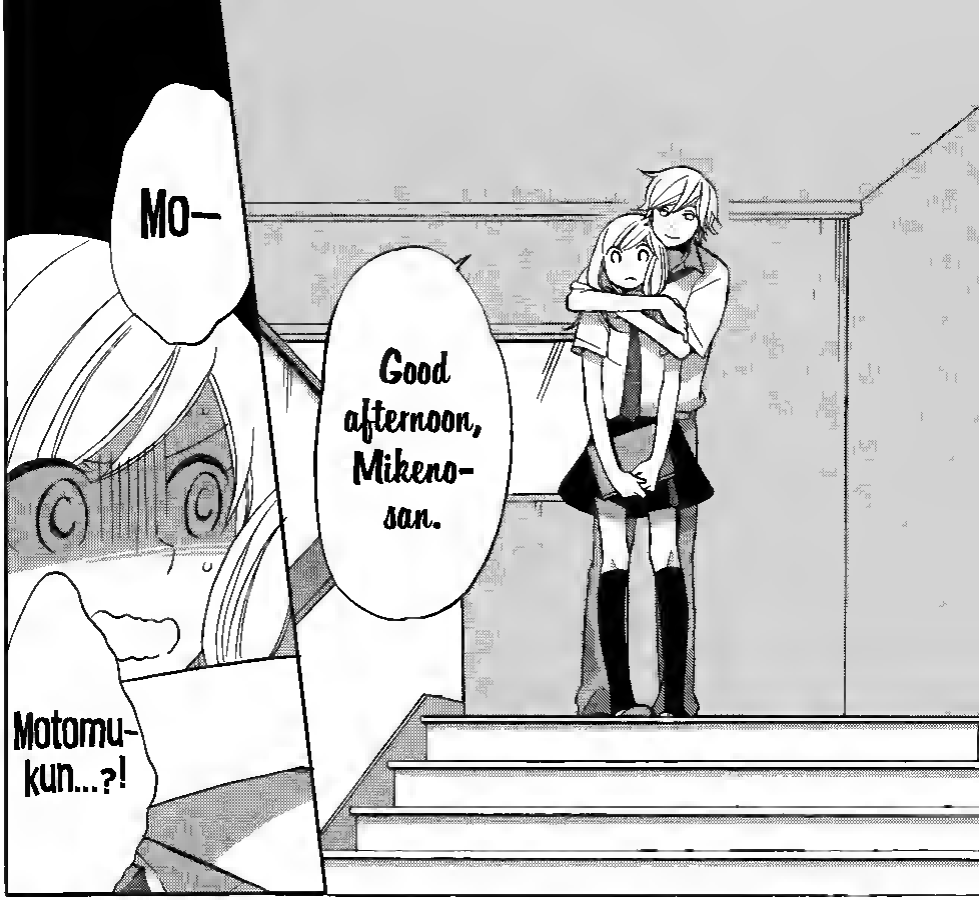
.....
TWEET
TWEET
FIDGET
FIDGET
I GET IT ALREADY !!
sparkle
sparkle
AFTER SCHOOL!
MIKENO-SAN!
TODAY!

I'M SO SORRY!
KYAA
LOOK WHERE THE HELL YOU'RE GOING!
BUMP
HE'S WAY TOO EXCITED ABOUT THIS...
NO FREAKING WAY HE SAVED A CAT!
LIKE I THOUGHT, IWAFUSHI'S TERRIFYING!
HOW DO YOU BECOME FRIENDS WITH A GUY LIKE THAT...
AND I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM HANG AROUND AFTER SCHOOL...
AND ANYWAY, HE'S ALWAYS ASLEEP DURING BREAKS


He's always like this!_
NOTHING!
GLARE
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU LOOKIN' AT...
THIS IS JUST IMPOSSIBLE!!

BUT...

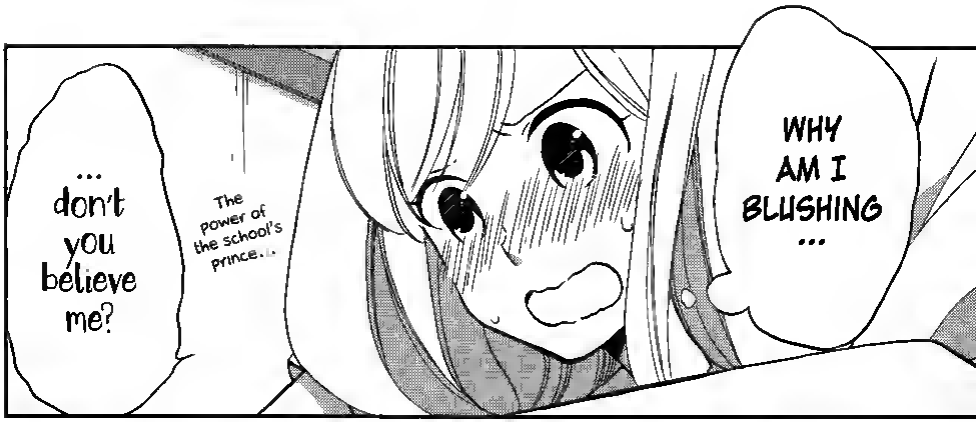
I SHOULD THINK ABOUT IT A LITTLE MORE...
NOZOMU-KUN REALLY BELIEVES IN HIM...

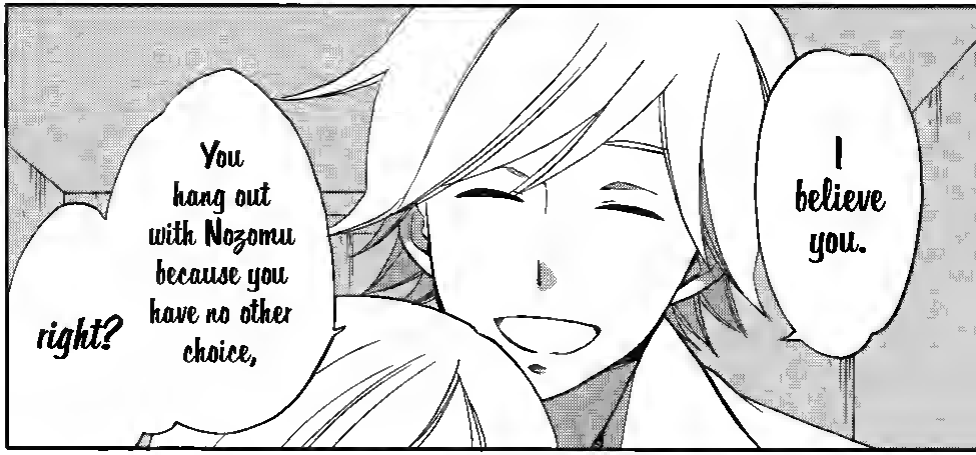

Mo—
Good afternoon, Mikeno-san.
Motomu-kun...?!

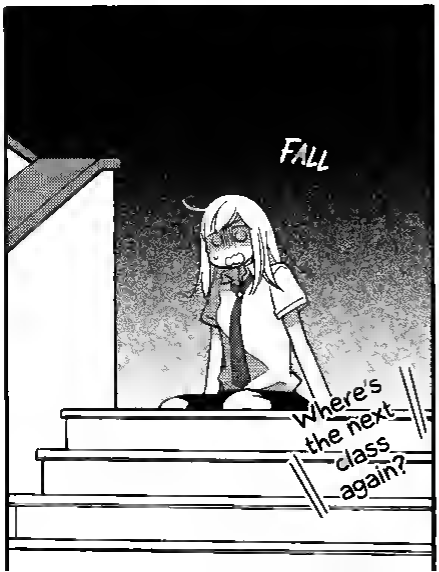
SAVE ME!!
EEEEEK!
The person who ignored my advice first was you, Mikeno-san.

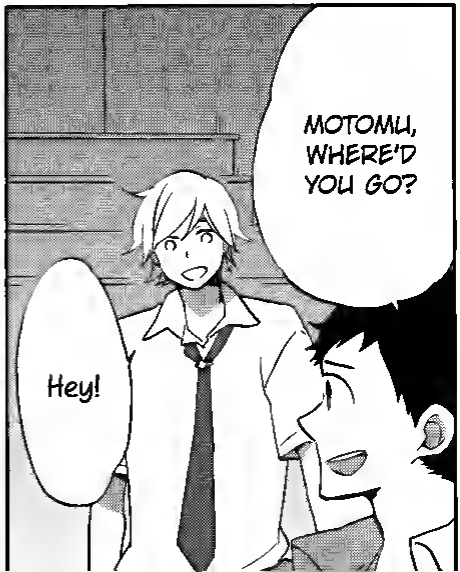
DON'T—
DON'T LET ME FALL!
Maybe I will, maybe I won't...

WE—
WELL,
A LOT OF STUFF'S HAPPENED...
HE'S
HE'S TOO CLOSE!!
Well, Nozomu-kun is the only one who'll have lunch with me...
.....
and now...
Everything with Nozomu-kun started and things with the girls in my class got kinda complicated,
I SEE, I SEE.
HE'S A BULLY, SO


WHY AM I BLUSHING ...
The power of the school's prince...
... don't you believe me?


I believe you.
You hang out with Nozomu because you have no other choice, right?


FALL
Where's the next class again?


MOTOMU, WHERE'D YOU GO?
Hey!

ALL THESE BENTO BOXES ARE KINDA SMALL.
IS THIS KIND OK?
MIKENO-SAN?
OH, YEAH.
"YOU HANG OUT WITH NOZOMU BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE, RIGHT?"
THAT'S NOT IT.
I DO HAVE A CHOICE,
IT'S JUST...

I GUESS FOR NOW, THOUGH, I'M OFF THE HOOK?
OH, THAT ONE'S REALLY CUTE.
IT'S PRETTY SMALL, IS THAT OK?
YEAH, I LIKE IT.
WOULD YOU LIKE THIS GIFT-WRAPPED, SIR?
YES, PLEASE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO, REALLY!
JEEZ...
THANK YOU.

AGAIN, WHAT IS WITH THE GIRLFRIEND ACT?!
I don't want to go home yet...

THIS GUY'S EVEN HAPPIER THAN I AM...
WELL, SHALL WE HEAD ON HOME?

THERE'S A PLACE I'D LIKE TO GO WITH YOU.
WELL, IT'S NOT DONUTS, BUT
I AM KINDA HUNGRY.
THEN, HOW ABOUT WE GO GET DONUTS?

GLARE
HEY! GET IN HERE!
RAMEN X-TREME
極
kiwami
堅
dou
YAKUZA...?
WHERE HAVE YOU BROUGHT ME, NOZOMU-KUN...
WHERE...
THIS PLACE SCREAMS "YAKUZA FRONT"!
IF YOU WANT RAMEN, THEN THERE'S DEFINITELY BETTER PLACES!
They'll turn us into soup stock!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
THE HELL? IT'S YOU GUYS.
I...
Iwafushi...

DON
ALL RIGHT, 2 MISO X-TREMES!!
COUGH COUGH
HUH?
Wasn't expecting that...
SPIT
Please be my friend.
.....
I've wanted to be friends with you for a while now.

HE REALLY WANTS TO BE FRIENDS WITH YOU.
OKAY... BUT...
HOSHIGAMI, IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE?
NOPE.
HE'S DEAD SERIOUS.
THAT DOESN'T EXPLAIN WHY YOU'RE HANGING OUT WITH A MEMBER OF THE BITCH BRIGADE.
"BITCH BRIGADE"?
Me?
YOU KNOW, THOSE WINDBAGS WITH THE ROTTEN PERSONALITIES. HATE 'EM.
HOSHIGAMI, DUDE, IF YOU NEED FRIENDS, FIND SOMEONE ELSE.

I...
MIKENO-SAN IS *NOT* A WINDBAG, AND SHE'S NOT ROTTEN EITHER!
SHE'S HELPED ME TO THE POINT THAT SHE'S BEEN OSTRACIZED, AND—
UH-HUH.
THEY KICKED HER OUT SO NOW SHE HANGS WITH YOU.
NO, THEY KICKED HER OUT *BECAUSE* SHE'S HANGING WITH ME.
OY! TEPPEI! GO WASH THE DISHES!!
SORRY, SIR!!
OR I'LL TURN YOU INTO SOUP STOCK, YA GOT THAT?
...WHAT-EVER.

I'M BUSY WITH THIS JOB.
ASK SOMEBODY ELSE.
I'M SORRY.
IT'S MY FAULT HE THINKS THOSE THINGS ABOUT YOU.
YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE.
AND I WAS RIGHT ABOUT IWAFUSHI!
WE SHOULD FIND SOMEONE ELSE!
...But I—
WANT IT TO BE IWAFUSHI?

...
HE'S A GOOD GUY.
.....
HE REALLY DOESN'T LIKE ME.
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER... IF I WASN'T AROUND?
IF I STAY WITH HOSHIGAMI-KUN...
IF HOSHIGAMI-KUN STAYS WITH ME...

WE'LL NEVER MAKE FRIENDS WITH ANYONE BUT EACH OTHER.

Good morning, Isari~♡
Eh.
We're sorry, Isari.
We didn't realize at all.
chatter
chatter
It's so hot today!
Did you bring any sun-screen?
Okay...?
Um...
We're doing tennis today in gym!
Pair up with us, okay?♡

Yesterday, Hoshigami-kun came and apologized to us.
He told us that the only reason you stuck up for Losergami was
because Hoshigami-kun asked you to.
Hoshigami-kun is so kind, looking after a brother like that♡
I know, right? No surprises there!
Mo...
MOTOMU...
Goodness, Isari, you should have just told us.
Yeah, and Hoshigami-kun you don't have to keep hanging out with Losergami.
He said he's sorry about that.
"AND ANYWAY, IT'S NOT LIKE I PLAN ON BEING LEFT OUT FOR THE REST OF HIGH SCHOOL."

"I'LL TURN THINGS AROUND, YOU'LL SEE."
"I REALLY AM HAPPY."

NOZOMU-
KUN...